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Sir:

Applicants herewith submit references cited in the European Search report in counterpart application EP 02 74 4545. Applicants request that the references be entered and considered on their merits.

U.S. 6,221,796 B1 is of record in the application.

U.S. 5,120,587 is of record in the application.

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EP 0 967 340 A2 discloses a rigid insulating board comprising a scrim coated with a urethane foam and facing sheets on both sides of the insulating board. There is no teaching that the foam is continuous and not porous. The insulating board is rigid (page 3, line 48) and is thick (60 mm; 2.4 inches, page 4, line 42).

In contrast to the teachings of EP 0 967 340 A2 the present invention provides a flexible scrim embedded in a continuous coating of a foamed resin with a thickness of from about 1.14 to about 3.8 mm. EP 0 967 340 A2 neither teaches nor suggests the present invention.

GB 2 042 368 A discloses a carpet having a backing comprising a scrim having a layer of foam laminated to one side and a non-woven fibrous substrate adhesively anchored to the top surface of the scrim. The invention differs from the present invention in that the construction is more than 30 mm thick and does not contain a scrim embedded in a foamed resin. The bottom of the scrim is bonded to a foamed layer and the top surface is coated with a non-foamed binder for the fibers. There is no teaching that the foam is continuous and not porous.

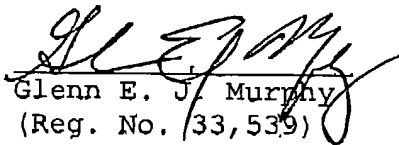
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patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should it be applied against the claims.

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